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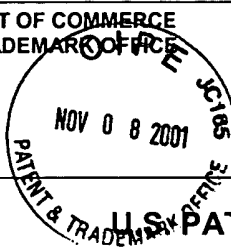
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	5,819,776	10/13/1998	Kephart	137	1	
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	1,989,416	01/29/1935	Hartman	83	18	
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FOREIGN PATENT OR PUBLISHED FOREIGN PATENT APPLICATION

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	PUBLICATION DATE	COUNTRY OR PATENT OFFICE	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date**, Relevant Pages, Place of Publication***)

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